Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Decision Record

SWIFTWATER FIELD OFFICE EA OR-104-02-07

Jack Creek Watershed Restoration Project

An interdisciplinary (ID) team of the Swiftwater Resource Area, Roseburg District, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has analyzed the proposed **Jack Creek Watershed Restoration Project**. This analysis was documented in EA # OR-104-02-07. In the proposed action two failing stream crossing culverts on Jack Creek will be replaced thereby improving watershed conditions and increasing habitat to anadromous fish. This project is located in Section 35; T21S R6W, and Section 2; T22S R6W; W.M.

Decision:

It is my decision to authorize the implementation of the Proposed Action Alternative as described in the EA (pg. 1).

Finding of No Significant Impacts:

Based on the analysis of the potential environmental impacts contained in the environmental assessment I have determined that impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

Decision Rationale:

Although this project is on private land and not subject to the management actions/directions as set forth in the "Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resources Management Plan" (RMP), and the Standards and Guidelines for the "Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (FSEIS) on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl" (Feb. 1994) and the Record of Decision (ROD) for that plan dated April 13, 1994; the Proposed Action Alternative never the less meets the objectives for lands in the Riparian Reserve Land Use Allocation as specified in the RMP and FSEIS.

The EA describes two alternatives: a "No Action" alternative and a "Proposed Action" alternative. The No Action alternative was not selected because it would not meet the purpose and need as identified in the EA to restore watershed conditions identified in the Interim Watershed Action plan.

Compliance and Monitoring:

Monitoring will be conducted as deemed necessary by the Umpqua Basin Watershed Council.

Protest Procedures:

As outlined in 43 CFR ' 5003 Administrative Remedies, protests may be filed with the authorized officer within 15 days of the publication date of the Notice of Decision in the News Review. Protests shall be filed with the authorized officer (Jay K. Carlson) and shall contain a written statement of reasons for protesting the decision. Protests received more than 15 days after the publication of the notice of sale are not timely filed and shall not be considered. Upon timely filing of a protest, the authorized officer shall reconsider the decision to be implemented in light of the statement of reasons for the protest and other pertinent information available to him. The authorized officer shall, at the conclusion of his review, serve his decision in writing to the protesting party. Upon denial of a protest the authorized officer may proceed with the implementation of the decision.

Jay K. Carlson, Field Manager	——————————————————————————————————————